Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* May I know, Sir, which is the smallest community in the State?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot say. I am sure the Census table will give you the information.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Industries and Commerce):* Are the Government aware that the population of the Chaldian Syrian Community is greater than Anglo-Indians and Jews clubbed together?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It might be. I told you I don't remember these figures. I hope that they are in the census report.

Mr. P. A. Muhamed Ashrof *(Cranganur):* May I know the number of Muslims who are drawing a pay of Rs. 100?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I cannot say off-hand. I want notice.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* May I know the number of Jews.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I am sure there are two, I on 80-100.....

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* I am asking above Rs. 100.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* There is at least one.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Is there any Jew to-day?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* My information is that there is.

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Industry and Commerce):* Are the Government aware that there is not a single man belonging to the Chaldian Syrian Community who is drawing hundred or above hundred.

Mr. President: The question refers only to Anglo-Indians and Jews. It would be well if we confine the discussion to these communities.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* Is the Government aware Sir, that at the last census the Anglo-Indian Community was below 1,500?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have mentioned specifically in my census report that there has been an abnormal rise in the number of Anglo-Indians.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* What has been done in their account?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government).* I have tried to explain the reason for this abnormal rise.

Mr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to give an elucidation of the term population basis mentioned here?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Numerically more popular communities have got comparatively more number of seats, that is one criterion. But that is not the sole criterion.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* I am given to understand that there are 8 people drawing a salary of over Rs. 100.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have not got the names of the people. But I just know in the Police there are two; in the State Forces two; in the P. W. D. 1, in the Magisterial Department 1, in the Guest House 1, *i. e.* the Guest House Superintendent.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* Is the Rs. 100 suggested including their allowances or their confirmed salary?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I think it is salary; at any rate that is the report I have got.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Trichur-Ezhuvas):* What is the population of Anglo-Indians in the State?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The Hon'ble Member can just see the census report placed on the table.

CESS—ARECANUTS

179. Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to inform this house.—

(*a*) whether the Government of India had at any time made suggestions or issued instructions to this Government regarding the new tax on arecanut trade;

(*b*) at whose instance the tax came to be imposed in the State;

(*c*) if it was at the instance of the Government of India did the Cochin Government ever make any representation to that Government regarding the iniquitous incidence of the tax so far as the arecanut producers of the State are concerned?

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Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) and (*b*) The duty on betelnut was imposed in British India with effect from April 1st 1944 and a request was addressed to the State to impose a corresponding duty accompanied by a hint that unless the State agreed, an import duty will be imposed on all betelnuts sent out-side the State to British Indian Markets. In these circumstances emergent action was taken to levy a duty at the same rate in order to benefit the State revenues to some extent.

(*c*) This Government have moved the Resident for the Madras States to make representations to the Government of India.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: We understood the Joint Secretary to Government as saying in the course of the debate on this subject yesterday that the question of this cess affecting the revenues of the State never weighed with the Government in imposing the tax but here it is stated "In these circumstances emergent action was taken to levy a duty at the same rate in order to benefit the State revenues to some extent." Will he kindly explain these apparently contradictory statements?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I did not say that the matter of revenue was not the concern of the State; I emphasised the fact that since 90 per cent of the produce went outside, we would be unnecessarily losing a large amount if we did not join the Scheme.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In the speech of the Diwan-President, on the opening day, we understood that modifications have been suggested to the Government of India with regard to the levy. Are we to understand that only modifications have been suggested, or a total abolition of the tax?

Mr. President: I pointed out yesterday that the contents of our communication to the Government of India cannot be disclosed.

CART-STANDS—PARTICULARS REGARDING

180. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡിവർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ദയവു മറുപടി നൽകുമോ.—

(എ) സംസ്ഥാനത്തിലെ ഏതെല്ലാം നഗരസഭകളിൽ വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകൾ "cart stands' സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്;

(ബി) ഓരോ നഗരസഭകളിലും ഈ വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകൾ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ എത്ര കൊല്ലം വീതമായി;

(സി) ഈ വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകളിൽ രക്ഷവണ്ടികൾ ഇടുന്നതിനു എന്തുവീതമാണു് വാങ്ങിച്ചുവരുന്നതു്;

(ഡി) ഈ വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകളിൽ വണ്ടികൾ വെയിലും മഴയും കൊള്ളാതെ ഇടുന്നതിനും വണ്ടിക്കാർക്കു വിശ്രമിക്കുന്നതിനും വല്ല ഷെഡുകളും ഉണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: (എ) എല്ലാ നഗരസഭകളിലും വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകൾ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ—ഉദ്ദേശം ൧൪ കൊല്ലം. എറണാകുളം—ഉദ്ദേശം ൨൪ കൊല്ലം. മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി—ഉദ്ദേശം ൧൦ കൊല്ലം. ചിറ്റൂർ—രണ്ടു വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകൾ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിട്ടു ഏകദേശം ൧൦ കൊല്ലവും ഒന്നു ഏകദേശം ൫ കൊല്ലവുമായി. ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട—ഏകദേശം ൧൧ കൊല്ലം. തത്തമംഗലം—ഒന്നു സുമാർ ൨ ൫ കൊല്ലവും മറ്റേതു് ൧൧ മാസവും ആയിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(സി) തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകളിൽ രക്ഷവണ്ടികൾ ഇടാറില്ല. എറണാകുളത്തു് വണ്ടി ഒന്നുക്കു് ദിവസത്തിൽ ൦—൦—൧൧ യും, മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിലും ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുടയിലും ൦—൦—൧൧ വീതവും ആണു് പിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ചിറ്റൂരും തത്തമംഗലത്തും രക്ഷവണ്ടികൾ ഇല്ല.

(ഡി) ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുട വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടയിലും തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ കൊക്കാലെയുള്ള വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടയിലും ഉണ്ടു്. ബാക്കി വണ്ടിപ്പേട്ടകളിൽ ഇല്ല.

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